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#### **Executive Summaries**

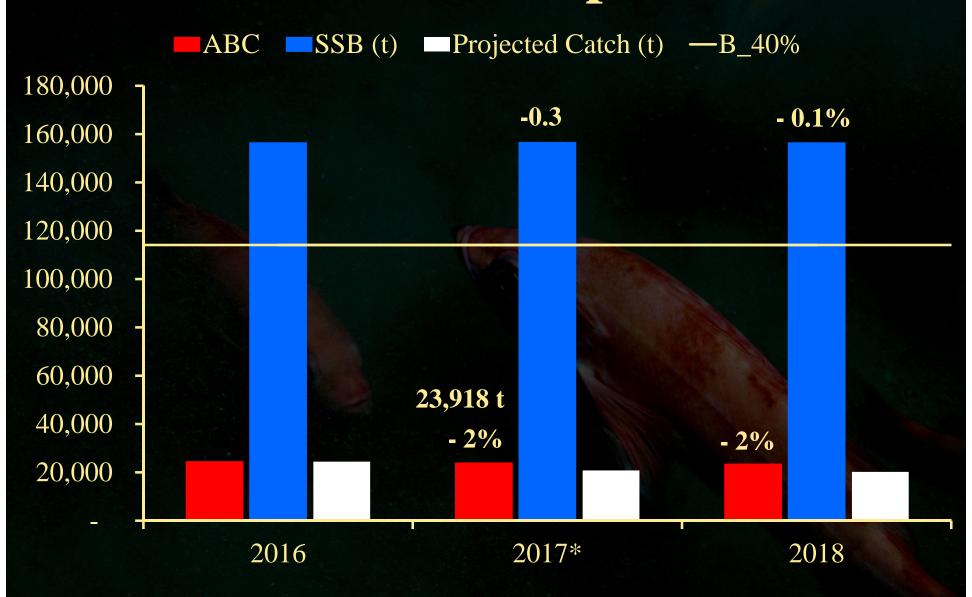
- Assessed on biennial schedule to coincide with new GOA bottom trawl survey data
- Off cycle (even) year = Executive Summary
  - Age-structured: only updated catch estimates for 2015-2018 to be used in projection model, no changes in assessment methodology
  - Non age-structured: roll-over of 2015 stock assessment estimates
  - Limited response to PT/SSC comments

## Pacific ocean perch



- Tier 3a species
  - Only update catches in the projection model
  - Updated 2015 and estimated 2016-18 catches
- Catch Update
  - Issue with 2016 catch: since fishery in WGOA in 2014 didn't start until after Oct 15 it inflates expansion factor. 2016 catch estimated to exceed GOA wide TAC by over 1,700 t set 2016 catch at TAC in projection (still ~1,100 t left in TAC as of Oct 22)
- Recommended 2017 ABC: **23,918** t
  - Down ~2% from 2016 ABC of **24,437** t

#### Pacific ocean perch



# Apportionment – ABC

	Western	Central	Eastern	Total
2016 ABC	2,737	17,033	4,667	24,437
2017 ABC	2,679	16,671	4,568	23,918

	WYAK (61%)	EYAK/SE (39%)	Total
2016 ABC	2,847	1,820	4,667
2017 ABC	2,786	1,782	4,568

# Apportionment - OFL

	W/C/WYAK	EYAK/SE	Total
2016 OFL	26,313	2,118	28,431
2017 OFL	25,753	2,073	27,826

## Pacific ocean perch

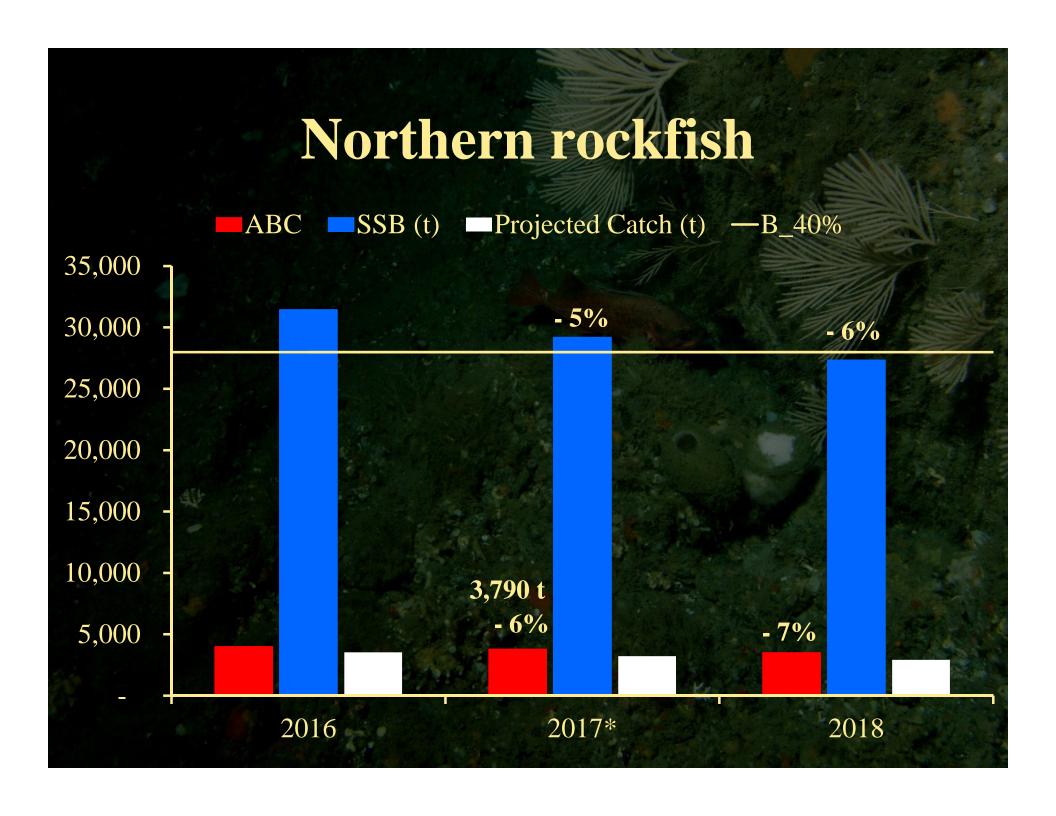


- Notables
  - Projected spawning biomass stable
- 2016-2017, plan to investigate:
  - Effect of different plus-group specification for length comp data
  - Alternative length bin designation
  - Different data weighting methods
  - Application of geostatistical GLMM approach to bottom trawl survey biomass
  - WYAK harvest rates compared to  $F_{ABC}$

#### Northern rockfish



- Tier 3a species
  - Only update catches in the projection model
  - Updated 2015 and estimated 2016-2018 catches
- Catch Update:
  - Updated 2015 catch (4,225 t predicted last year, 3,944 t realized), estimated 2016 catch (3,533 t)
- Recommended 2017 ABC: **3,790** t
  - ~5% smaller than last year's ABC of 4,008 t



# Northern – Apportionment

	Western	Central	Eastern	Total
2016 ABC	457	3,547	4*	4,008
2017 ABC	432	3,354	<b>4</b> *	3,790
2016 OFL			Dia.	4,783
2017 OFL	19.11			4,522

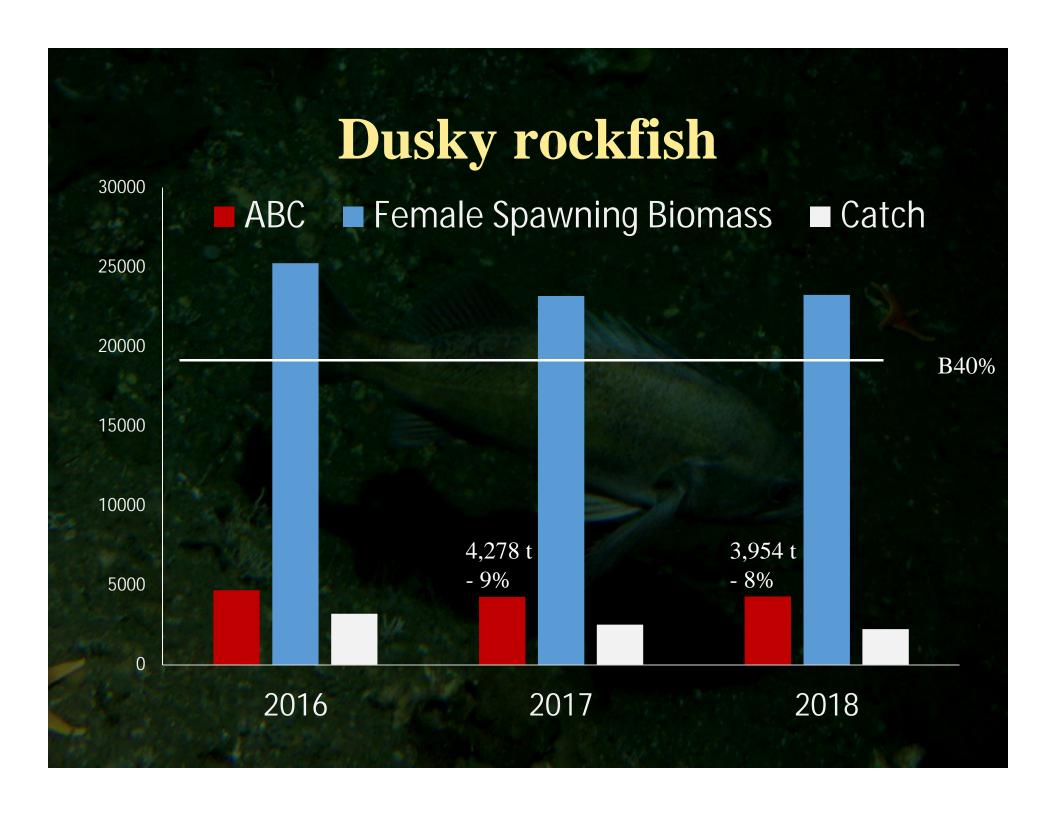
#### Northern rockfish



- Notables
  - Projecting a decrease in ABC through 2018 (2018 SSB dips below B<sub>40%</sub>, will keep an eye on this)
- 2016-2017, plan to investigate (similar to POP and for all GOA Rx):
  - Effect of different plus-group specification for length comp data
  - Alternative length bin designation
  - Different data weighting methods
  - Application of geostatistical GLMM approach to bottom trawl survey biomass

## **Dusky Rockfish**

- Tier 3a species
  - Only update catches in projection model
  - Updated 2015 and estimated 2016-2018 catches
- Catch update:
  - Updated 2015 catch 2,781 t
- Recommended 2017 ABC: **4,278** t
  - 9% lower than 2016 ABC (4,686 t)
  - Nearly identical to last year's projected 2017 ABC (4,284 t)



# Dusky rockfish - Apportionment

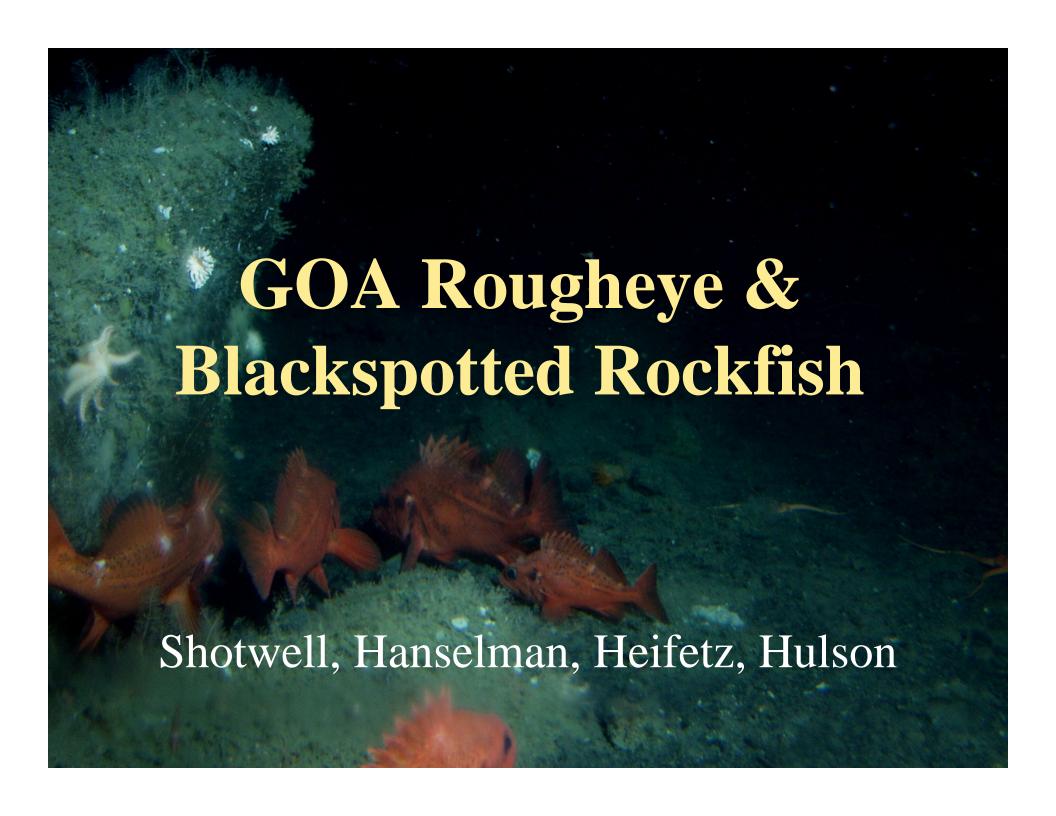
	Western	Central	Eastern	Total
2016 ABC	173	4,147	366	4,686
2017 ABC	158	3,786	334	4,278
2016 OFL				5,733
2017 OFL				5,233

## Dusky rockfish - Summary

Projecting a decrease in ABC through 2018

■ Expect a new 2017 GOA bottom trawl survey

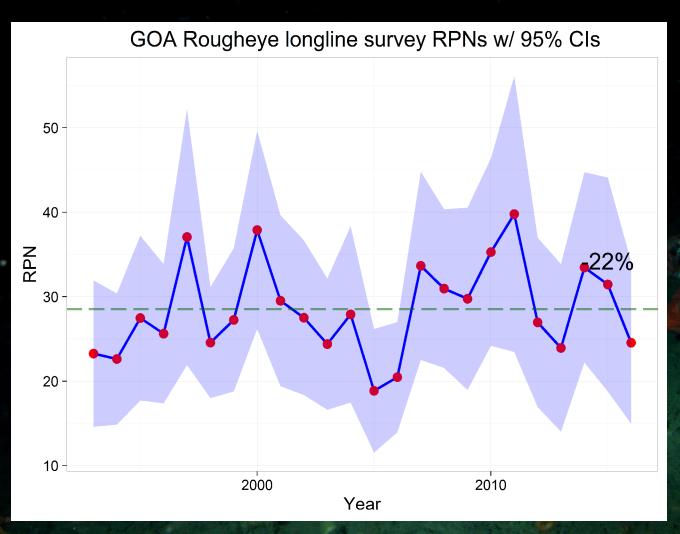
 Expect to investigate the geospatial alternative survey biomass estimator (Plan Team Working Group)



## RE/BS (Rougheye/Blackspotted)

- Tier 3a species RE/BS rockfish
  - Only updated the catches in the projection model
  - Updated 2015 and estimated 2016-2018 catches
- Catch update:
  - 2015 catch = 550 t and 2016 catch estimate = 628 t
  - Catches below 50% of ABC with no overages
- Recommended 2017 ABC: 1,327 t
  - Nearly identical to 2016 ABC of 1,328 t
  - Slightly higher than last year's projected 2017
    ABC of 1,325 t

## Longline Survey Update

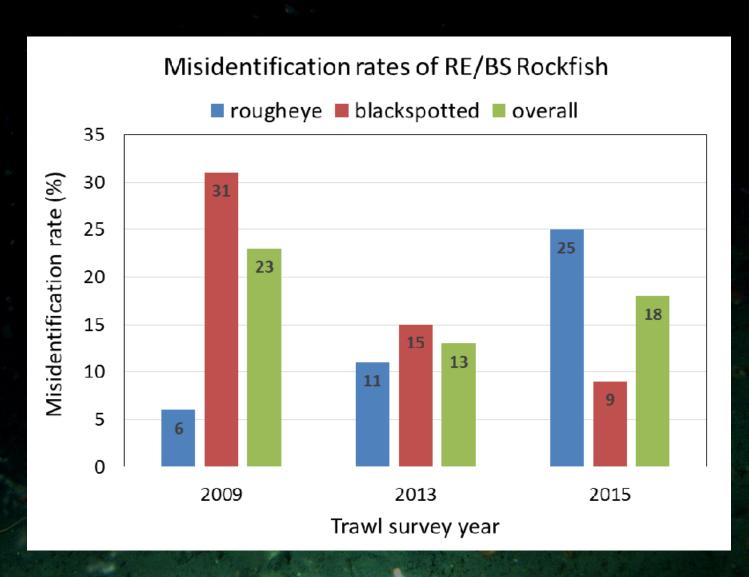


- 2016 longline survey RPN down by 22%.
- Estimates by area all consistently down.
- Data not used for updating 2016 projection since off-cycle year.

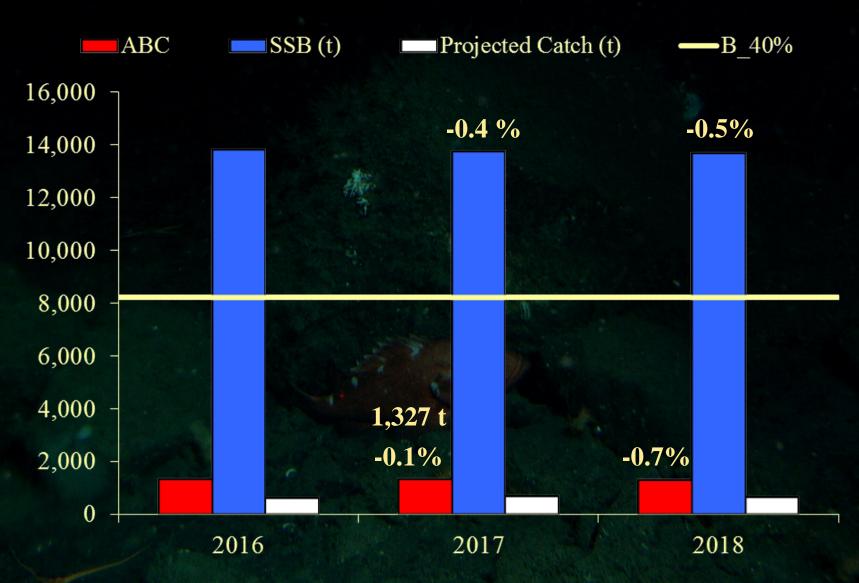
## RE/BS Genetic Study Update

- Project during 2009, 2013 and 2015 trawl surveys
  - Collected length, weight, muscle tissue or fin clip for most RE/BS samples for otoliths
  - Goals to improve at-sea ID, adjust biomass estimates by species, examine species-specific growth
- Results update
  - Comparison of mis-ID for three year
  - Continued improvement for correctly identifying blackspotted rockfish
  - Opposite occurring for rougheye rockfish with increases mis-identification rates

#### **RE/BS** Genetic Identification



## RE/BS Summary



# **RE/BS** Apportionment

	Western	Central	Eastern	Total
2016 ABC	105	707	516	1,328
2017 ABC	105	706	516	1,327
2016 OFL				1,596
2017 OFL				1,594

#### **RE/BS** Research Priorities

- PT working group to investigate geostatistical GLMM and consideration of application to RE/BS rockfish
- Evaluate life history characteristics of RE versus BS in genetic study (2009, 2013, 2015)
- Evaluate retrospective pattern and data weighting alternatives
- When available incorporate new SPEC format for ecosystem consideration section